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Road to the ORI

Learn about the Code of Conduct, facility closures and the threat

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Wolf Pack F-117 open house

Members of the Wolf Pack are invited to see an F-117 Nighthawk noon to 2 p.m. Monday at the alert aircraft facility near Foxtrot Battery. The location is a regular stop on the base shuttle route, and dedicated bus transportation is available from the community cen-



Six airmen die in helo crash

An Air Force HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter crashed near Ghazni, Afghanistan, Sunday, killing all aboard, said Combined Joint Task Force 180 officials at Bagram Air Base. Killed in the crash were: 1st Lt. Tamara Archuleta, co-pilot; Staff Sgt. Jason Hicks, aerial gunner; Master Sgt. Michael Maltz, pararescueman; Senior Airman Jason Plite, pararescueman; Lt. Col. John Stein, aircraft commander; and Staff Sgt. John Teal, flight engineer.

AF offers war news Web site

The Air Force has a special Operation Iraqi Freedom Web site highlighting the service news and photos from forward-deployed locations covering Air Force support of the war in Iraq. The site is in addition to daily Air Forcewide news featured at www.af.mil. The site address is www.af.mil/news/opscenter/index.shtml

'MAXIM' seeks military letters

"MAXIM" magazine wants to publish letters from military members serving in remote locations in the May, June and July issues. They would like members to write about topics and experiences of their choosing. 8th FW/PA will submit the top three letters as selected by the leadership. Letters must be in good taste and no more than 500 words. Suggested topics include, what it is like to serve in Korea, any unique experiences with local culture, or how serving here may have changed your perspective on being an American. Submissions must be received by April 4 and should be emailed to: 8fw.pa@kunsan.af.mil.

Reserve promotes 776 to major Air Reserve Personnel Center officials selected 776 captains for promotion to major Tuesday. The officers were selected from the 2004 Air Force

Reserve line and health professions major promotion selection boards held at the center.



STAR TREATMENT: Gen. Leon LaPorte, commander of the United Nations Command, Republic of Korea/United States Combined Forces Command and United States Forces Korea, gets an inside look at the F-117A Nighthawk during at visit to Kunsan Saturday. The aircraft are in South Korea to support Foal Eagle 2003.

war turns to republican guard

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — As the U.S.-led war against the Iraqi regime nears the oneweek mark, officials from U.S. Central Command said March 25 that coalition air forces have begun narrowing their focus.

Maj. Gen. Victor E. Renuart Jr., CENTCOM director of operations, told reporters during a press briefing at the command's forward headquarters in Qatar that air power forces would redirect their attention to the most elite of Saddam Hussein's military units.

"The air component will fly over 1,400 combat and combat support missions over Iraq today, paying particular attention to the Iraqi republican gard," Renuart said. "We will also focus on key regime command and control facilities."

In northern Iraq, Kurds have expressed concern about the use of chemical weapons by the Iraqi republican guard and regular army units. Renuart explained that coalition air forces are expending "a fair amount of energy" in an attempt to destroy anything that would adversely affect the Kurds in that region.

"Things like multiplelaunch rocket systems have been key targets for us in the areas occupied by the regular army and republican guard units in the north," Renuart

Cumulative efforts to deal with the republican guard elsewhere have also proven effective, Renuart said.

"I think we are having a substantial effect," Renuart said. "There are a number of pieces of tanks and artillery pieces and those sorts of things being destroyed. That's happening in hundreds of sorties every day. I think what you will see in the end is that many of those tank revetments are filled with junk, because of the precision and the ability of the air power."

The effects of the weather have been somewhat of an obstacle in the coalition's efforts to destroy republican

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> - Maj. Gen. Victor Renuart Jr. Central Command Director of Operations

guard targets. explained that the dynamic pressure at a particular point nature of the coalition forces have allowed them to overcome that obstacle

"Weather has an impact on the battlefield with high winds, rain and thunderstorms," Renuart said. "Certainly the weather and the blowing sand does effect the [Apache helicopters], but this is an integrated, a synergistic approach. We have the flexibility to be able to refocus additional airpower that can use the kinds of precision weapons that are not hampered by the weather in order to continue to strike these tar-

"While we may not have

Renuart helicopter pressure or ground on the battlefield, we continue to balance special and air operations on that force," Renuart said.

> Additionally, the wide disbursement of the republican guard has not proven to be too great of a challenge, Renuert explained.

> "In terms of forces being spread out, certainly they are displayed in a wide area," he said. "On the other hand, we have the most sophisticated intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance in the world. It is working well to give us those locations and allowing us to continue to target."

"As our nation calls upon its armed forces to meet this next challenge in the war on terrorism, the men and women of the U.S. Air Force will play a pivotal role in striking our enemies, defending our coalition forces and protecting our allies. As you have always done, you will perform your duties with honor, and with the knowledge that our nation's security depends upon the excellence and prosionalism of every airman in our Air Force

"Ours is the greatest joint warfighting force ever assembled, and our nation is blessed to have over 700,000 around the globe."

active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian airmen taking the battle to the enemy and securing our homeland. You, the brave warriors who voluntarily risk your lives to protect our values and way of life, are the reason we will prevail in this fight. The American people have the utmost confidence and trust in you, they support you, and are proud of your dedication. We couldn't be more proud of your service, and are both honored and humbled to lead this force. "In this time of conflict and great

sacrifice the admiration thoughts and prayers of our entire nation are with you and your families. Do your duty to the best of your ability and we will secure victory, for the sake of our nation and freedom-loving people







CSAF shares thoughts on Corona South

Our Air Force's senior leadership gathered at CORONA South 2003 to address the complex issues facing our Service — increasing deployment demands and home station tempo, contingency planning, and the challenges inherent in managing our aging systems and infrastructure. With common purpose, we focused our attention on those essential areas that make us the world's dominant air and space

Leadership Focus

It's important that every leader thoroughly understands, reviews, and communicates the significance of their unit's responsibilities and requirements to total Air Force success. That's why our senior leaders spent the entire first day of CORONA South 2003 attending the Senior Leaders' Maintenance Course (SLMC). We want to ensure that every airman from our junior-most enlisted to our senior-most leaders, fully understands the vital relationship between the two equally demanding fields of maintenance and operations. This enabled us to reinforce the importance of the Combat Wing Organization at the senior leadership level, a vitally important effort to refocus our operators on being the premier employers of air and space power, while allowing our maintainers to develop the skills and expertise levels necessary to generate the highest sortie production rates

Our expeditionary force continues to provide world-class capabilities to joint operations; however, we need to ontinue to ensure we present our forces smartly As taskings and operations emerge, the structure and tracking of unit type codes (UTCs) becomes a key linchpin to senior

leader management of their forces. New battle rostering tools will be established throughout the force to enable leaders at all levels to properly train, equip, and track their own forces prior to and during any contin gency or tasking.

While we continue to examine how we train and provide our forces to meet joint and deployment requirements, we must also review the policies and processes of how we manage our forces internally. We spent considerable time addressing "stressed career fields," our number one force management concern. We are reassessing the basic structure assignment, and training of the most stressed career fields and are reviewing and making determinations in the basics of who should fill, how we fill, and how we fix undermanned career fields. This is an on-going effort, but one in which we are making progress.

Making It Work

Leaders at every level from headquarters through squadron, must cleary communicate the AEF story -every airman, officer or enlisted, must understand the basics of the AEF and its cycle and instill the expeditionary mindset in everything we do. "Expeditionary" is our normal state of operations and everyone must continue to embrace this reality.

But we've discovered the word still needs to get out. Communications remains a leader's most critical tool and commander's calls are a key conduit for getting the word out, from wing through squadron levels. But we encourage all leaders to consider other methods too. Our airmen are brave disciplined warriors, whether in the field or in CONUS. We need to ensure they understand how absolute-

ly critical they are to our mission and the security of our nation. We must also keep the lines of communication to our external audience open as well As we engage with them, it's important that we maintain a culture of honesty and trust and follow our core val-

families.

As we standardize our air operations centers (AOC) worldwide, it's important that we strive to standardize our training. Many career fields can be comparably trained regardless of location, allowing for continual flow of qualified people into AOCs. All commanders should look closely at the proper training and management of their airmen. For instance, we looked at how our Functional Area Managers (FAMs) are trained and supported. Since the current FAM structure is a Cold War construct swept up into today's AEF construct. thorough review of FAM training and manning must occur. We have begun the process. No organization or group can successfully support the expeditionary mentality without having the proper structure or tools. And no one will be left behind.

Conclusion

Our men and women are doing tremendous work in spite of the myri ad of challenges before them. We owe it to these fine airmen to ensure they have the tools to do their jobs Whatever our future holds, our outstanding, well-trained, and the wellequipped warrior airmen will guarantee our dominance as the world's premier air and space power.



ACTION LINE 782-5284



Col. Guy Dahlbeck

The Action Line is your direct line to me. Use it if you nave concerns or suggestions about the Wolf Pack that can't be resolved through the agency involved or your chain of command. When you call, please leave you name, a phone number where you can be reached and a brief description of your problem or concern. You can also send an e-mail to action.line@kunsan.af.mil.

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Q: During the newcomer's briefing, the Wolf Chief said that people aren't sup-posed to walk and smoke while in uni-form. The other day, I was walking to the dining facility for breakfast and saw a person in uniform riding a bike and smoking. What is the wing policy on

A: Smoking while riding a bike in uniform ved. This will be added to the Kunsan community standards



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Wolf Pack focuses on preventing sexual assault, harrassment



SUPPORTING THE TROOPS: A resident of Bellevue Wash., shows support for deployed troops during a rally hosted by Operation Support Our Troops Saturday. The mission of Operation Support Our Troops is to provide a process and forum for Americans of diverse interests, backgrounds and walks of life to come together and demonstrate to members of the armed forces and their commander in chief that they are supported and deeply appreciated for their service.
According to Bellevue police, more than 9,000 people showed up for the peaceful rally.

Operation Iraqi Freedom SECDEF: Air strikes not aimed at civilians By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

WASHINGTON — U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld lauded the air coalition's unsurpassed abili-ty to avoid collateral damage forces in the west."

According to during a March 25 press conference in the Pentagon.

Speaking directly to Iraqi civilians about the intent of coalition air strikes, the secretary said that there can be no mistake about the coali-

and know that coalition air weapons strikes are not aimed at you. They are aimed at the regime Saddam Hussein," Rumsfeld said.

The chairman of the Joint conference.

"The air campaign is continuing well," said Gen. Richard B. Myers. "We flew

nearly 1.000 sorties over Iraq [March 24], most against republican guard units, and conducted close-air support for the ground advancement in the south and the special

According to earlier reports by U.S. Central Command officials, similar air strikes were planned for March 25. Coalition forces intended to conduct more than 1,400 sorties against republican guard units and weapon systems that could be "By now you have seen used to deliver chemical

> According to Rumsfeld, there is no reason to believe the trend will not continue in the future

"We have total dominance Chiefs of Staff echoed those of the air," Rumsfeld said. "It comments later in the press is not air superiority — it is dominance. [The Iraqi military has] not put an airplane



By Staff Sgt. Kelley Stewart Even before the news of the alleged sexual assaults at the Air Force Academy became the focus of senior Air Force officials, organizations least get to someone who can help you if they can't do it themselves," she said. "That's what from the 8th Fighter Wing were already working developing a stronger sexual

given on the same subjects by a variety of organ-

The Air Force's policy on sexual harassment is zero tolerance.

Being at Kunsan isn't an excuse to forget this either — it's the exact opposite. "It is a mandate that supervisors pay even more attention to what they have options. is said in their shop and that conduct on and off duty is of a professional manner," said Capt. Chris Chesser MEO chief

If a sexual harassment complaint is handled at the lowest level, there usually isn't any punishment as long as the person doesn't violate the always go up the chain - including from our policy again. However, if it's taken up the chain office. of command, the individual squadron commander determines the type of punishment to be al received. This punishment can range from a letter of counseling to a Uniform Code of Military Justice violation.

"If they come through us and lodge a formal complaint, it still goes through the commander. said Staff Sgt. Monique Lege, military equal opportunity advisor. "By [Air Force Instruction] we have 20 days to handle their complaint. Sometimes it takes more time and sometimes it takes less.'

The last formal complaint filed with MEO here was in March 2002, and it wasn't related to tem," Lege said. "Take care of each other. sexual harassment.

"However that doesn't mean there haven't six month period, we'll typically speak with about 10 individuals who have some type of gender related issue."

These issues may range from a question on ow to deal with a supervisor or subordinate to an informal complaint to a commander directed nvestigation.

If a person feels they've been sexually their supervisor, coworker or anyone they choose," Lege said. "As far as sexual assault goes — their number one resource is to go to the nolice.

Other offices people may go to include the

Sexual assault has severe consequences

By Maj. Mark Allison 8th FW Staff Judge Advocate

victed of rape. Both received dishonorable discharges, reduction to the lowest enlisted rank, total forfeiture of pay and confinement.

In both cases, the perpetrators preved upon female victims who were incapacitated due to overindulgence of alcohol.

The victims had left their dormitory room doors unlocked, and were unable to physically resist the perpetrator's advances. However, neither of these cases could be described as "violent." Indeed, due to the alcoholic stupor of the settings, such as in the club or in a hooch. victims, no violence was necessary to complete

had been drinking with him earlier that night. son.

Rape is defined as an act of sexual interasleep, unconscious, or intoxicated to the extent
It simply isn't worth it.

inspector general, chaplain, life skills and a nurse. "Pretty much anyone you feel comfortable going to will help you - especially in the NCO ranks. They should be able to help you at we encourage. Go to someone who is going to make you feel comfortable, and on the other side harassment/assault prevention program.

This new program will consolidate briefings

of that, when someone comes to you with an issue, you need to help him resolve it. Point them in the right direction.'

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According to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations there were four rapes reported in fiscal year 2002 and one for fiscal year 2003.

The most important thing people should know about sexual harassment and sexual assault is

"If you go to one person and they don't give you the response you're looking for, go to some one else." Lege said "It doesn't have to ston i you're not satisfied with the answer or you're not satisfied someone has helped you. You can

Another important thing to remember is sexuharassment and assaults aren't just a "woman's" issue "There is a perception that sexual harassment and sexual assaults are a vomen's issue," Chesser said. "Men are sexually harassed and men are sexually assaulted."

Following a few simple tips can help prevent you from being a victim of sexual assault. For example, don't drink to the point that you lose control of your situation. Go out with a wing man you can trust to look out for you. Lock the door to your dorm room.

"Look out for each other. Have a buddy sys

Also make sure you're clear on what you partner wants or doesn't want. "Listen to that been complaints," Chesser said. "In an average person. If that person says no, then the answer is no," Chesser said. "Your partner, at any point can say 'let's stop."

"You have to respect that because if you don't you've crossed the line," Lege said. "That's when it becomes sexual assault

To help incorporate these and other ideas into a curriculum to be taught to Wolf Pack members, the MEO office is looking for volunteers to help harassed or assaulted, there is always the chain of command to go to for help. "They can go to also is looking for people to be points of contact within their unit if someone has a question regarding sexual harassment or assault.

For more information or to volunteer, cal

that she lacks the mental canacity to consent the act of intercourse itself meets the "force" requirement under the law. It's no defense that the perpetrator may have also been drinking.

Rape is the worst form of sexual assault, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice provides for a maximum punishment of the death penal-At Kunsan in 2002, two airmen were conty. Between 1999 and 2002, fifty-two airmen tences from six months to forty years of confinement.

Indecent assault, while not as severe as rape is also a sexual assault. It carries a maximum penalty of a dishonorable discharge, reduction in rank total forfeitures of pay and confinement for five years. This offense includes the inappropriate and offensive touching of another person. Such illegal touching often occurs in social Victims should report this crime, and perpetrators will be prosecuted. Again, being drunk is In one case, the victim knew the rapist and not a legal defense for assaulting another per-

Clearly, the Air Force does not tolerate sex course by force and without consent. When a offenses. Committing a sex offense is a sure victim is incapable of consenting because she is way to end your career and spend years in jail.

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FEATURE

Editor's Note: This is the seventh in an eight part series on readiness topics and Operational Readiness

OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE ORI FACILITY CLOSURES

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- ☐ New Car Sales
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- ☐ Shoe Repair Shop

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- ☐ Loring Club
- ☐ Linen Exchange
- ☐ Golf Course
- ☐ Wolf Pack Wheels

Off-limits to military personnel

The Jet Stream, library and Korean Gardens/pub are open throughout the ORI for use by IG team members, but are off limits to military personnel.



- ☐ Outdoor Recreation
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- ☐ Mini Mall II
- ☐ Barber Shop
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- ☐ Anthony's Pizza ☐ Burger King
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- ☐ Theater

CODE OF CONDUCT

ARTICLE I

I AM AN AMERICAN, FIGHTING IN THE FORCES WHICH GUARD MY COUNTRY AND OUR WAY OF LIFE. I AM PREPARED TO GIVE MY LIFE IN THEIR DEFENSE.

ARTICLE II

I WILL NEVER SURRENDER OF MY OWN FREE WILL. IF IN COMMAND, I WILL NEVER SURRENDER THE MEM-BERS OF MY COMMAND WHILE THEY STILL HAVE THE MEANS TO RESIST.

ARTICLE III

IF I AM CAPTURED I WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST BY ALL MEANS AVAILABLE, I WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ESCAPE AND TO AID OTHERS TO ESCAPE. I WILL ACCEPT NEITHER PAROLE NOR SPECIAL FAVORS FROM THE ENEMY.

ARTICLE IV

IF I BECOME A PRISONER OF WAR, I WILL KEEP FAITH WITH MY FELLOW PRISONERS. I WILL GIVE NO INFORMATION OR TAKE PART IN ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT BE HARMFUL TO MY COMRADES. IF I AM SEN-IOR, I WILL TAKE COMMAND. IF NOT, I WILL OBEY THE LAWFUL ORDERS OF THOSE APPOINTED OVER ME AND WILL BACK THEM UP IN EVERY WAY.

ARTICLE V

WHEN QUESTIONED, SHOULD I BECOME A PRISONER OF WAR, I AM REQUIRED TO GIVE NAME, RANK, SERVICE NUMBER, AND DATE OF BIRTH. I WILL EVADE ANSWERING FURTHER QUESTIONS TO THE UTMOST OF MY ABILITY. I WILL MAKE NO ORAL OR WRITTEN STATEMENTS DISLOYAL TO MY COUNTRY AND ITS ALLIES OR HARMFUL TO THEIR CAUSE.

PERSCO Wolf Pack team sup

By Senior Airman Andrew Svoboda 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, Deployed

TAEGU AIR BASE, SOUTH

KOREA — During wartime, personnelists take their operations out of the office and out to the flightline to provide a vital service by keeping accountability of all incoming and outgoing troops at a deployed loca-

A small team of PERSCO (personnel support for contingency operations) troops was among 700 airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines who recently deployed here to support Foal Eagle 2003.

"Being on the PERSCO team let's us show how we defend our country, something many people don't think we do because they think we just type," said Senior Airman Theresa Mensinger, Kunsan Air Base, Korea. "We also get to experience more things than people who only work in the MPF (military personnel flight)."

The PERSCO team has three main missions during a contingency: accountability, casualty reporting and personnel support. Mensinger and other PERSCO members met the incoming troops arriving here for the Foal Eagle 2003 exercise on the tarmac to collect basic information such as TDY orders, emergency locator cards, and other personal information.

"It's important to meet troops as they get off the plane," said Master Sgt. Alan Freeman, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. "Otherwise, once they're in position, we may never see them again."

Having members' personal information is beneficial for number of reasons, especially during a contingency, said Master Sgt. Billy Crider, Kunsan

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Air Base, Korea.

"The Air Force Personnel Center, MAJCOM and members' home unit keeps records of all members deployed and when they arrive at the site," said Crider. "Higher headquarters can tell when a base is at full strength so operations can commence."

The accountability information is entered into a classified computer for Air Force higher headquarters to distribute daily reports tracking personnel around the world. Beyond accountability, the PERSCO team is responsible for casualty reporting and personnel support.

"After all the troops have arrived, we continue to monitor and maintain a constant duty status of troops," said Crider. "For example, if someone is put on quarters, we need to know where they can be reached. We also work with members' home units for those people who need to re-enlist, extend, or get sent home on emergency leave."

Once deployed, the PERSCO job is non-stop, and that means stress for team members.

"We're on call 24/7," said Crider. "During the exercise, and in war, nothing goes according to clockwork. We have unexpected arrivals at all times of the day and night."

"People come to us, telling us they need some roster in like ten minutes," added Mensinger. "You've got to be able to stay cool and not flip out. Many times, we're more assertive than people in a typical customer service environment because we need to get information right away."

In order to be PERSCO-trained, members must attend two six-week classes at Keesler Air Force Base,

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Staff Sgt. Kelly Crouse inspects systems within the rear landing gear compartments of the F-16. These thorough inspections give the 8th Fighter Wing reliable jets to "take the fight north."

Tech. Sgt. Michael Martin (left) and Tech. Sgt. Shawn Bain

right), phase dock chiefs, sign out a technical order to Staff Sgt. Kelly Crouse (blue jumpsuit) before starting maintenance procedures on a F-16 that currently is in phase.



Staff Sgt. Russ Montague inputs data into a software system in development by 'Dragon Phase' that is designed to continually track phase discrepancies over the lifetime of an aircraft. Once fully implemented, it will provide valuable information to both maintainers and aircraft engineers to ensure that the aircraft fleet is "fit to fight."



Staff Sgt. Kelly Crouse inspects an environmental control system ducts on an F-16 during a phase inspection



Tech. Sgt. Bryan Pullin, golf phase dock chief, inspects speed brakes on an F-16 that is undergoing phase inspections and maintenance. About 20 crew chiefs work in the gold phase dock and 20 more in the blue phase dock.



Senior Airman Thomas Sullivan changes a leading edge flap torque tube grease booty on an F-16.

PHASE ...



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

Staff Sgt. Hank Wilson inspects an emergency power unit bay on an F-16 while Staff Sgt. Kelly Crouse provides technical guidance. The 8th Maintenance Squadron Phase dock crew chiefs tear into aircraft here every 300 hours to ops check all the systems and inspect the aircraft for any possible damage. Anything found that needs repair is done while their aircraft is in the phase dock. The shop normally has five days to inspect and repair an aircraft.

Keeping Kunsan's jets in the air

By Staff Sgt. Kelley Stewart 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Every year unit commander support staffs send out notices for personal health assessments to the people assigned to that unit during their birth

At these PHAs, blood is drawn, hearing and eyesight are checked, immunizations are updated and a variety of other tests are carried out depending on a person's particular Air Force Specialty Code.

A similar check up is done to the F-16s assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing. After 300 flight hours, each and every F-16 is taken to the 8th Maintenance Squadron Phase dock to have it's panels removed and systems checked out, as well as having every nook and cranny checked out from nose to tail before it's allowed back onto the flightline.

How do the gold and blue phase docks accomplish this fete? They get their mission done through a thorough

inspection of the aircraft where crew chiefs look for things ranging from cracks in the metal to frayed wires.

Between these two phase docks, there are about 40 crew chiefs that tear into the F-16s to identify and fix any problems they uncover. The skill levels of these crew chiefs can range from a three level to a seven level.

These required inspections are important due to the age of the F-16 fleet at Kunsan Air Base. "A lot of the stuff we're finding needs dispositions from the engineers," said Tech. Sgt. Bryan Pullin, gold dock chief. "Some of it's serious and some of it's not so serious."

Dispositions are items found on the aircraft that need to be fixed, but there is nothing in a technical order covering the repair so a request is sent to the engineers to either develop a fix or develop a stronger replacement part.

The standard time given to check the aircraft out with a fine tooth comb is five days, but "the wing has made a conscious decision to schedule it down for seven because of all the things we're finding to allow engineering dispositions to be approved." said 1st Lt. Audrey Rampone, maintenance flight commander.

According to the lieutenant, the phase dock has submitted 22 dispositions this quarter.

"One of the things were doing to help the Air Force out, because we are finding things going wrong with the jet, is developing a database to track these "gigs" we're finding and looking at trends," Rampone said. "We plan on working with the engineers to improve the process and improve the product."

An example of this teamwork is the development of a newer and stronger electrical bracket for the F-16. While in phase, crew chiefs noticed cracked electrical brackets on a few of the jets. The engineers developed a replacement bracket made of thicker steel, said Tech. Sgt. Michael Martin, blue dock chief.

Phase dock maintainers don't do it all on their own, however. Coordination takes place with other back shops like electronics and avionics to ensure specialists in those career fields check out and repair any problems to those systems on the aircraft while it's pulled apart.

During pre-dock and post-dock meetings, superintendents from the back shops get together and schedule the days their people will be in phase working on their particular specialty.

"These jets fly a lot," said Tech. Sgt. Shawn Bain, phase dock chief. "The inspections they get on the flightline keep them flying; however, we get to pull the panels off and look at things they [flightline crew chiefs] normally don't get to nor do they have time to do out there. We get to thoroughly ops check all the systems. We have plenty of time and don't have a flying schedule pressuring us. So if we have to tear the jet in half, that's what we get to do."

According to Martin, providing reliable and structurally sound jets to take the fight north is what the phase docks do



Today

Wolf Pack Wheels Departs Kunsan for bus returns to base at 5 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10/\$9* one way and \$20/\$18* round trip. For more information, call 782-5213. *Special Consideration for Airmen's

Free food The Loring Club offers club members barbecue ribs 6 to 9 p.m. in the ballroom. For more information, call 782

Smorgasbord buffet The Loring Club hosts a super smorgasbord 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday tunes A disc jockey plays rock 'n' roll and rhythm and blues at the Loring Club. For more information, call 782-4312

Karaoke Display your talent or cheer on others 8 p.m. to midnight at the Falcon Community Center.

Howlin' Bowl Bowling is \$8 per person or \$35 per lane 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Yellow Sea Bowling Center.

SonLight Inn meal The 8th Maintenance Squadron transient alert hosts a dinner that includes spaghetti, salad, vegetables and garlic bread.

Saturday

9-pin tournament The Yellow Sea Bowling Center has a 9-pin tournament at 6 p.m. The entry fee is \$13. For more information, call 782-4608.

Country night The Loring Club hosts

information, call 782-4313 or 782-4575

E-Mart trip The Falcon Community Center hosts a shopping tour to E-Mart in Kunsan City. Busses depart the base at 10 a.m., noon, 2 and 4 p.m. Busses return to

Wolf Pack Wheels Departs Kunsan for Osan AB at 7:30 and 10 a m The bus returns to base at 5 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10/\$9 one way and \$20/\$18 round trip.

Sunday

Brunch Extravaganza The Loring Club \$11.95 per person for club members.

Chess tournament The community center hosts a chess tournament at 2 p.m. The winner receives a phone card.

Chicken wings The Loring Club has 10 cent chicken wings from 6 to 8 p.m. Loring Club has 10 cent chicken wings from

B-I-N-G-O The Loring Club hosts bingo at 2 p.m. The early bird bingo game begins at 1:45 p.m.

Sea Bowling Alley from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 per hour. For more infor

Wolf Pack Wheels Departs Kunsan for Osan at 7:30 a.m. and noon. The bus returns to base at 5 and 6 n.m. Tickets are \$10/\$9 one way and \$20/\$18 round trip.

F-Mart trin The Falcon Community Center hosts a shopping tour to E-Mart in Kunsan City. Busses depart the base at 10 a.m., noon, 2 and 4 p.m. Busses return to base at 1, 3 and 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$2.

Monday Pizza night The Loring Club has 50 cent

pizza from 6 to 8 p.m. Mexican buffet The Loring Club has a

Mexican buffet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5.85 for club members and \$6.85 for non-

Double feature The community centers offers a double feature movie madness at 6

Wolf Pack Wheels Departs Kunsan for

8th Fighter Wing **Promotion Ceremony**



The 8th Fighter Wing's promotion ceremony is Monday at 4 p.m. at the Loring Club. All promotees must be in place by 2 p.m. with sleeves down and their new rank sewn on. A reception is scheduled to follow the promotion ceremony. For more information, call Master Sqt. Jennifer Holloman at 782-4101.

5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 one way and \$20

Tuesday

Hamburger special The Loring Club offers a Kun burger for \$2 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Oriental buffet The Loring Club has an Oriental buffet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5.85 for club members and \$6.85 for non-

Sumo wrestling The Loring Club offers sumo wrestling beginning at 8 p.m. For more information, call 782-4312 or 782-

Wolf Pack Wheels Departs Kunsan for Yongsan at 7:30 a.m. The bus returns to base at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 one way and

Wednesday

8-ball pool tournament Test out your pool playing skills at the Loring Club's 8-ball pool tournament at 7 p.m. For more information, call 782-4312 or 782-4575.

Free food The Loring Club offers club members free roast beef sandwiches 6 to 9 p.m. in the ballroom. Texas barbecue The Loring Club has a

Karaoke Display your talent or cheer on others 8 p.m. to midnight at the Falcon

Thursday

Yongsan Electronics Market The community center offers a trip to the Yongsan Electronics Market or It'aEwon Saturday. This shopping tour takes you to the largest specialty market for electronic goods and computers in Korea. The market has more than 5,000 shops. The bus departs at 7 a m and returns at 8 n m. If you plan on buying anything, bring Korean Won. For more information, call 782-4679.

Spades night The community centers hosts a spades night at 7 p.m. The winner receives a phone card.

Italian buffet The Loring Club has an Italian buffet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m

Country night A disc jockey plays country at the Loring Club.

Submit your events for 7-Days by sending an email to wolfpackwarrior@kunsan.af.mil. Submissions must include the time, date, place, point of contact and a phone number

Saturday and Sunday Matinee

"Kangaroo Jack" (PG) Starring Jerry O'Connel and Anthony Anderson. 3 p.m.

Saturday

"The Hunted" (R) Starring Tommy Lee Jones and Benicio Del Toro Sunday

> "The Hunted" (R) 7 p.m. Monday

"Darkenss Falls" (PG-13) Starring Chaney Kley and Emma Caulfield. 8 p.m.

Tuesday

"A Guy Thing" (PG-13) Starring Jason Lee and Julia Stiles. 8 p.m.

> Wednesday "A Guy Thing" (PG-13) 8 p.m

Thursday "Old School" (R) Starring Luke Wilson and Will Ferrell. 8 p.m.



Tonight

"Daredevil" (PG-13) Starring Ben Affleck and Michael Clarke Duncan. 7 and 9:30 p.m.

English speaking volunteers

People interested in teaching English to students can do so 8:30 am, to 4 p.m. Saturday Volunteers must have a date estimated return from overseas of no earlier than July 03. This volunteer opportunity requires a six month commitment

> For more information, e-mail SongAe.Song@kunsan.af.mil.

Mypay allows military members to manage pay information, leave and earning statements, W-2s and more. Just visit www.dfas.mil/mypay/.

sonal financial management program class 2 to 3 p.m. in building 755, room 215. Air Force Instructions make this class mandatory for all E-4s and below at their first duty sta-Education

CCAF graduation The spring 2003 Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony is 10 a.m. April 22 in the Loring Club. Degree candidates need to call the education office to see if they are eligible to participate. All graduates, supervisors and commanders are encouraged to attend the ceremony. For more information, call

Conversational Korean class A free six-week conversational Korean class is offered 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at building 1305. Students learn to speak and read basic phrases. If interested, e-mail Rosemary Song at SongAe.Song@kunsan.af.mil.

OTS application acceptance Officer Training School only accepts applications from individuals with technical degrees through October 2003, unless an individual is seeking a rated position. Call the educa-tion office at 782-5148 to find out what degrees qualify.

Troop-to-Teachers Troops-to-Teachers provides referral assistance and placement services to military personnel interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher. The DANTES Troops-to-Teachers office helps applicants identify teacher certification requirements, programs leading to certification and employi opportunities. The office's new Web site is www.jobs2teach.doded.mil.

CLEP/DANTES The education office offers CLEP/DANTES testing 8 a.m. Mondays and Fridays, and 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Call 782-5148 for an appointment. The Rosenblum Library offers a variety of CLEP and DANTES study material loan. The library is open 9:30 a.m. to

CDC testing Career Development Course testing is 9 a.m. Thursdays in building 1053, room 3. Unit training managers must make appointments for testing.

FSC

TAP Workshop The Family Support Center hosts a transition assistance program class 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Topics include: job search, resume writing, interview techniques, career exploration, legal affairs, medical insurance, Veterans Affairs benefits, relocation decisions, etc. For more information, call 782-5644

Sponsorship Training The Family Support Center gives sponsors the tools to help make new members' transition to kunsan an easy one. Training is 10 to 11 a.m. every third Wednesday at the Sonlight Inn. Registration required, call 782-5644.

Financial management There's a per-

For Sale

1993 Jeep 1993 Asia Rocsta 4X4

1993 Jeep 1993 Asia Rocsta 4X4 (Jeep), 5 spd, A/C, CD/AMFM, Init, PW, PS, PB, 30X9.5X16 mud tires. Excellent jeep! Will get you where you anywhere you want to go and back \$1,500 OBO. Call Aaron Binkley at 782-5784 (work) or 466-0786 (bmg).

packwarrior@kunsan.af.mil with "classifieds" and the category

(Wanted, For Sale or Lost & Found) in the subject block. All

number and must originate from the member's e-mail account.

No "personal" ads will be accepted. Deadline for submissions

Pleather jacket Large size, officially licensed Chicago Bears jacket

with hood. Great condition, too large for me for \$25. Two 128MB memory chips for Pentium III lap-

tops. \$25 each chip. Call Lani Nishimura at 782-4282 (work) o

Nishimura at 782-4282 (work) or 782-7626 (home0 or e-mail nishi16@lycos.com.

Sociology book "Sociology In a

submissions must contain member's rank, name and phone

is noon Friday a week prior to desired printing. For more

Volunteer

Return, reunion The Family Support

Center hosts a return and reunion briefing 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the base theater. The

briefing addresses the challenges of returning

Smooth Move A briefing to answer ques-

tions about permanent-change-of-station moves is 1 to 2:30 p.m. the second

Wednesday of the month at the SonLight Inn. Legal, finance, housing, and medical

experts provide information. Registration

Survival Korean language class Two

hour class teaches students how to read and write the Korean alphabet and also includes

basic travel expressions. Class is 5 p.m. Thursday. Registration required, 782-5644.

equired, call 782-5644.

CISM peer counselors The life skills becoming critical incident stress manageselors. Counselors receive to ing. For more information, call Capt. Robert Vanecek at 782-4562.

Opportunities

Korean orphanage The military equal mity office seeks volunteers to help a the local Kae Chong Orphanage on a weekly basis. On Thursdays, Wolf Pack personnel spend some time with about 40 children. A bus departs at 6:30 p.m. from the military personnel flight parking lot. There's an English session and snack time. If interested in volunteering about two hours, call Tech Sgt. David Madsen at 782-5371.

Commissary bagging Base members can volunteer to sack groceries 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. weekends for tips. Sign up at the com-

Chapel

Protestant services General Protestant Worship Service is 11 a.m. Sundays and the Contemporary Praise and Worship Service/Bible study is 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Both services are conducted in the chapel. For information about any chapel services, call 782-4300

Gospel Gospel services are 12:30 p.m. Sundays and the Inspirational Praise and Worship Service is 7:30 p.m. Fridays at the LDS Services are 3 p.m. Sundays at the

Church of Christ Services are 9:30 a.m. ☐ Intercessory Prayer, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays

Changing World" for Introduction to Sociology 100. Book was originally \$75, will sacrifice for \$35. Call Ruby Salvino at 782-5945 (work) or

transformers, two each 2KV transformers, three each 3KV transform-

Donations Donate unwanted clothes, electronics and household goods before PCSing. Call Master Sgt. Larry Kirkpatrick at 782-9178 or bring items to building 1245, first floor.

Korea has directed a heightened Information Condition of "Alpha-Plus." Similar to force protection condition levels, INFOCON is a tiered, measured approach of protecting government voice and data capabilities from Information Warfare threats. The following are things people need to be know: There may be an increased threat of eavesdropping on phone calls and e-mails; there may be increased attempts to disrupt the ability to communicate: and there may be attempts to disseminate false information/propaganda To prevent these disruptions practice good operational security — don't divulge opera ion systems; be careful not do divulge OPSEC during morale calls and e-mails: watch for computer viruses and don't open or forward suspicious e-mail; be careful when using LMRs and cell phones; use a computer screensaver with password protec-tion; don't divulge your password to anyone; and after duty hours, log off, but leave your computer powered on. The 8th Communications Squadron "pushes" security patches in the evenings. For more information, call 782-COMM.

Miscellaneous

INFOCON information U.S. Forces

Happy birthdau!

The O'Malley Inn dining facility hosts the monthly birthday meal April 13 at 6:15 p.m. People with a birthday in April should register with their first sergeant to

attend.

taxi service. Just

USAF SMART CARD: Everyone is required to have the new Department of Defense common access card by May 1. The 8th Mission Support Squadron's military personnel flight customer service section issues the new common access card, and commanders' support staffs can make an

appointment with customer service to have the new ID card made for appointment with customer service to have the new ID card made for people who don't have one. The card has a 32 kilobyte embedded computer chip, magnetic stripe and two bar codes. The "Smart Card" is the replacement to the standard military identification card.

Sundays at the SonLight Inn, room 1.

Catholic services Mass is 5:30 p.m Saturdays, 9 a.m. Sundays and 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday at the chapel. Catholic Reconciliation is by appointmen Monday through Thursday and 4:30 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. R.C.I.A. is 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel conference room An "Overview of the Scriptures" is 7 p.m. Thursdays in the chapel conference room

SonLight Inn hours The SonLight Inn is open 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays, 8 a.m. to midnight Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call 782-5466.

Prayer & Bible studies The chapel hosts several prayer and Bible study groups at the chapel and Sonlight Inn. Groups

☐ Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sundays, SLI, room 3.

☐ Basic Christian Training, 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the SLI, room

☐ Korean-American Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the SLI, room 1. ☐ Women's Fellowship, 7 p.m. Tuesdays and every third Thursday at the SLL room 2

☐ Mid-Week Spiritual Boost, 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the chapel.

Submit your events for Bulletins by sending an e-

Bass player for rock band Bass player for rock band Looking for someone interested in playing classic rock, 80's and 90's rock. We already have a P.A. sys-tem. If interested, call Tech. Sgt. Mark Butler at 782-7588 (home) or

ers. All 220 volt to 115 volt transformers are available after Thursday. Call Steve Peele at 782-

Sharp TV Black Sharp 21-inch color television with remote. In great working condition. PCSing and looking to sell for \$50 OBO.

Wanted

Lost Male wedding ring. Last time seen in gym March 12. It's a plain gold wedding band. Limited to no monetary value but significant sentimental value. If found contact Master Sgt. Derick A. Jackson, 782-4622.

Need a taxi Need a ride? Call 782-4318 for the

give them your name, location and destination. 10 March 21, 2003 & Wolf Pack Warrior

SPORTS

Intramural hoops: And the winner is ..

Over 30 basketball champions



Intramural basketball champions

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Women's History Month: 5K run, health fair



1st Lt. Lisa Moreno, 8th Services Squadron, has her blood pressure checked by Capt. Dina Malone and Mrs. Choe, Yong Sun, 8th Medical Group, during the health fair at the fitness center Saturday in observance of Women's History Month.



Tech. Sgt. Alex Alverio, 8th MDG, draws blood to perform a cholesterol and diabetes screen on Staff Sgt. Charles Davis, 8th Fighter Wing Manpower Office, Saturday at the health fair.



Runner's kick off the Women's History Month 5K run Saturday at the fitness center. Airman James Holko, 8th Security Forces Squadron, was the first male to cross the finish line in the under 30 category with a time of 17:54.

Maj. Patrick Kennedy, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, was the first to cross the finish line in the male over 30 category with a time of 20:44. Capt. Beth Myers, 8th Operations Support Squadron, was the first woman to cross the finish line in the over 30 category with a time of 26:20.

SPORTS SHORTS

Crud judges
The Loring Club is looking for crud judges to officiate the 2003 Pacific Air Forces Crud Tournament today. Judges must be experienced with the rules of the game and must be an officers' club member. For more crud coordinator, at 782-4312 or 782-4575 information call Don Montgomer

Officials clinic
There is a clinic for people wanting to be softball umpires and other sporting officials today 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call Allen Spivery at 782-7171 or e-mail allen.spivey@kunsan.af.mil.

Air Force women's soccer

Anyone interested in trying out for the Air Force women's soccer team needs to submit an Air Force Form 303 to the fitness center by Thursday For more information, call the fitness center at 782-4026

Air Force Tae Kwon Do

Anyone interested in trying out for the Air Force Tae Kwon Do team needs to submit an Air Force Form 303 to the fitness center by Saturday For more information, call the fitness center at 782-4026.



Registration for USAF Marathor Registration is underway for the 2003 U.S. Air Force Marathon scheduled for Sept. 20. Reduced fees for early registration are available until June 30. Registration deadline is Sept. 4. To register, visit the marathon Web siet at http://afmarathon.wpafb. af.mil/, or call the marathon office at (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823

Lifequards needed

The fitness center seeks responsible individuals to be lifeguards for this season. If interested stop by the fit ness center or call Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Overly at 782-4026.

Martial Arts Classes

Budo Taijutsu/Ninjutsu

Kuk Sool Hapkido

7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday to Friday

Tang Soo Do

Aerobics Classes

:30 a.m. - Aerobics 5:45 p.m. - 15-minute Abs 6 p.m. - Step Challenge

Tuesday 5:30 a.m. - Aerobics 6 p.m. - Step Challenge

Wednesday 5:30 a.m. - Aerobics 5:45 p.m. - 15-Minute Abs 6 p.m. - Kickbox

Thursday 5:30 a.m. - Aerobics 6 p.m. - Step Hi/Lo

Friday 5:30 p.m. - Aerobics 6 a.m. - Boot camp

PACAF - FIT TO FIGHT

SPORTS

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Scores & More

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Playing contact sports?

☐ The Kunsan Preventive mends participants playing in high contact sports including baseball, basketball and soccer obtain and wear properly fitting mouth guards.

For more information, call the dental flight at 782-4943.

Personal trainers

The fitness center has personal trainers on staff to help people set up personalized workout programs. For more information, call 782-4026.



Tobacco Fact

Nicotine is a drug found naturally in tobacco. It is highly addictive as addictive as heroin and cocaine. Over time, the body becomes physically and psychologically dependent on nicotine. erican Cancer Society, 200

The Health and Wellness Center offers free smoking cessation classes. For more inforation, call 782-4305.

Enjoy spring activities with a healthy heart

By Maj. Gordon H. Campbell Kunsan Health and Wellness Center

The temperature outdoors is starting to rise. Spring is in the air, and many people will start thinking about all the possible outdoor activities to enjoy this

The question is, will you have the physical ability to participate in the activities so many Americans take part in every year? It not only takes the time but a healthy body.

A healthy heart is a very important part of a healthy body that enables you to be physically active. When it becomes weakened by disease your ability to tolerate physical activity decreases.

Unfortunately, for so many Americans our own habits are the cause of the majority of heart disease. Tobacco, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, physical inactivity, obesity, and diabetes are the top causes of heart disease, in that order.

According to the American Heart Association, cigarette smoking causes over 440,000 deaths per year in America. Smoking increases your risk of heart attacks, and having high blood pressure decreases your ability to do physical activity and increases the chance of getting a blood clot.

Production of blood clots inside

blood vessels are what cause heart attacks and strokes. Women have an even higher risk of blood clots if they use birth control pills and smoke.

You should be getting the picture now; you just cannot win with smoking. Tobacco use also increases your "had" cholesterol and decreases your "good" cholesterol.

Many medical studies have now concluded that high cholesterol levels in the blood leads to an increase of arteriosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries. Higher cholesterol levels can be due to either your bad habits or from a genetic predisposition. The best way o deal with your cholesterol is to have it checked periodically.

If it becomes elevated, there are several things you can do to get it under control to include diet, exercise, and medical treatment. If you add elevated cholesterol to untreated high blood pressure, the effects are even more dev-

An article from the Oregon Health Sciences University, published in 2001, showed 23 percent of men and 25 percent of women over the age of 18 have high blood pressure. For African Americans, high blood pressure is increased by 30 to 50 percent over those of European descent.

Elevated blood pressure puts an increased strain on your heart causing it to enlarge and weaken. It also causes accelerated arteriosclerosis - hardening of the arteries - increasing your risk of a heart attack or stroke. All these effects on your heart decrease your ability to tolerate exercise.

Moderate to vigorous exercise is a great tool to help get your cholesterol prevent diabetes and obesity. The more vigorous your activity, the greater your benefits

Along with a healthy diet exercise can keep you off the Air Force Weight Management Program; a program that is on the minds of most Air Force members. Being over weight puts a strain on your heart, increases your risk for heart attacks, high cholesterol and diabetes

According to the American Diabetes Association, 17 million Americans, or just over 6 percent of the population, have diabetes. Unfortunately one-third of those do not know it. The risk of heart disease is doubled in someone with diabetes and even higher if you go undiagnosed and untreated. Getting checked is a simple blood test. The best prevention is a healthy diet and regular exercise.

As you can see, a healthy diet and a regular vigorous exercise program are vitally important to your heart and your life. If I had to pick one thing to do that will decrease my risk of heart disease, it would be regular exercise. Now that we at Kunsan Air Base can

see spring coming, make it your goal to start a regular vigorous exercise pro-gram for life. Find activities you enjoy and vary them.

Varying your activity helps to keep you interested and increases your enjoyment. You only have one heart. Keep it healthy.

For more information on dieting or exercise, call the health and wellness

Protecting Americans from ephedra's health risks

Study shows no positive effects from supplement's use

By G.W. Pomeroy Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

WASHINGTON - Acting on the release of a government-funded study, the Department of Health and Human Services announced a series of actions designed to protect Americans from potentially serious risks of dietary supplement products containing ephedra.

The results of a Rand Corporation study commissioned by the National Institutes of Health provides additional evidence that ephedra may be associated with important health risks, according to a Food and Drug Administration statement. The Rand report also finds 'only limited evidence of health benefits resulting from ephedra use."

Air Force Surgeon General officials have repeatedly "strongly advised" people to contact their physicians or health-care providers before taking dietary supplements containing ma huang, ephedra or ephedra alkaloids.

As a result of the study, the FDA proposed warning labels for all ephedra-containing dietary supplements. The proposed label warns about the risks of serious adverse events, ncluding heart attack, seizure, stroke and death; cautions that the risk can increase with the dose, with strenuous exercise and with other stimulants such as caffeine; specifies certain groups

who should never use these products; and lists other conditions, such as diseases and the use of certain medications, that rule out the use of ephedrine

"We want to caution all Americans — particularly athletes and those who engage in strenuous activities - about using dietary supplements that contain ephedra," said Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson. "There continue to be serious questions

about the risks surrounding this particular dietary supplement." Results of the study include:

☐ Weight loss: Short-term use of ephedra or ephedrine is linked with about a two-pound per month increased weight loss, but the studies lasted only a few months, so there is no evidence of long-term benefit.

☐ Athletic performance: No studies exist on the efficacy of herbal ephedracontaining dietary supplements on athletic performance. The few studies of the active ingredient, the chemical ephedrine, used small samples of mostly fit individuals, finding a modest effect on short-term performance when caffeine is included. Without caffeine, ephedra has little or no effect on athletic performance.

☐ Adverse consequences: Use of ephedra or ephedrine with or without caffeine is associated with two to three times the risk of nausea, vomiting, psychiatric symptoms, autonomic hyperactivity and palpitations.

In one database of 16,000 health complaints by ephedra users, ephedra was linked to two deaths, four heart attacks, nine strokes, one seizure and five psychiatric cases for which other

causes were all ruled out.

"This is not the end of the story, said Thompson after the study was made public. The FDA is "building the case for further regulatory action under the law"

Meanwhile, Thompson advised people, especially athletes and exercise husiasts, not to take the herb.

He pointed to an administrationcommissioned Rand Corp. review that found ephedra does nothing to enhance sports performance and causes only temporary loss of a few pounds.

In November 2002, the Air Force's surgeon general issued a notice to airmen on the potential risks associated with dietary supplements containing

Last October, officials of the American Medical Association told a congressional panel that the risk/benefit ratio for ephedra products was "unacceptable The Air Force surgeon general

issued a revised policy covering dietary supplements containing ephedra Sept. 2002, strongly discouraging the use of such supplements and highlighted associated risk factors.

The revised SG policy was followed by a memorandum from the Air Force Services Agency calling for services activities to remove such supplements from their resale inventories.

In August 2002, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service also removed the products from its inventories.

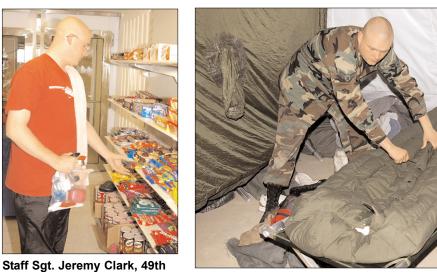
Ephedra is banned in the Olympics In the United States, it has been banned in at least 20 states, professional football, college athletics and minor-league

Tent city life

Making TDY people comfortable



Airman 1st Class Tyler Dreher, left, and Airman 1st Class Ben Peredo, right, both deployed to Kunsan from 49th Fighter Wing Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., take a break from their duties by playing Playstation in the dayroom tent located in tent city at Wolf Pack Park Wednesday.



MXS, shops in the base exchange set up at the tent city

Airman 1st Class Danny Wilby, 49th Maintenance Squadron egress mechanic, makes his bunk.



Senior Airman Morizel Hodges, 49th FW, takes a break from duty by surfing the internet at the tent city dayroom.



Shotos by Stoff Sat Churck Walker

Tech Sgt. Russell Jameson, left, 8th Services Squadron, checks Staff Sgt. Ruddie Ramsey into tent city while others wait in line Wednesday.



Staff Sgt. Ruddie Ramsey, a night shift crew chief, deployed to Kunsan from the 49th FW, shaves in Wolf Pack Park's tent city Wednesday morning.



Airman 1st Class Danny Wilby, 49th MXS, makes a call home from the dayroom tent.

Right, Senior Airman Erick Castro, 49th Logistic Readiness Squadron, sleeps in his tent located in Wolf Pack Park's tent city.